

Buna language

Buna is a Torricelli language of Marienberg Rural LLG, East Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea.

There are two dialects. One dialect is spoken in Kasmin (4.018975°S $144.060235^{\circ}\text{E}$), Boig (3.84861°S $144.054923^{\circ}\text{E}$), Waskurin (3.870089°S $144.068112^{\circ}\text{E}$), and Arapang (3.88039°S $144.073217^{\circ}\text{E}$) villages, and another in Masan, Mangan (3.953676°S $144.239463^{\circ}\text{E}$), and Garien villages.^{[3][4]}

Morphology

Buna has four noun classes. Noun class concord affixes in Buna are shown in the following examples.^[5]

Class 1

singular (masculine)	plural (masculine)
uri gaba-re do-ko-n	oret gaba-bwe bo-ko-m
person.I.SG big-I.SG I.SG.SBJ-go-I.SG	person.I.PL big-I.PL I.PL.SBJ-go-I.PL
'The big man went.'	'The big men went.'

Buna	
Native to	Papua New Guinea
Region	Marienberg Rural LLG, East Sepik Province
Native speakers	750 (2003) ^[1]
Language family	Torricelli <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marienberg ▪ Buna
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	bvn
Glottolog	buna1277 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/buna1277) ^[2]

Class 2

singular (feminine)	plural (feminine)
uri gaba-gwe go-ko-nj	oret gaba-?e e-ko
person.II.SG big-II.SG II.SG.SBJ-go-II.SG	person.II.PL big-II.PL II.PL.SBJ-go
'The big woman went.'	'The big women went.'

Class 3

singular (class III)	plural (class III)
wan gaba-re na-ti-n	wan gaba-we u-ti-u
banana.III.SG big-III.SG III.SG.SBJ-fall-III.SG	banana.III.PL big-III.PL III.PL.SBJ-fall-III.PL
'A big banana fell down.'	'Big bananas fell down.'

Class 4

singular (class IV)	plural (class IV)
kwala gaba-le li-ti-l	kwala gaba-be bə-t-əm
netbag.IV.SG big-IV.SG IV.SG.SBJ-fall-IV.SG	netbag.IV.PL big-IV.PL IV.PL.SBJ-fall-IV.PL
'A big netbag fell down.'	'Some big netbags fell down.'

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